

Neighborhood Watch News

Neighborhood Watch is a Community-Action and Problem-Solving Program



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Neighborhood Watch Block Captains please share this information with your block participants.

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Senior Volunteer Patrol
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Community Services Unit
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The Crime Prevention Unit's mission is the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

Get Teens Involved in Making Communities Safer

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Trying to tackle a neighborhood problem? A vast reservoir of volunteer talent is right there in your community: teens.

Many teens want to get involved but don't know where to start or don't feel like they have the necessary skills.

You can help your community simply by asking young people for a hand. Adults who tap the power of teens find a rich source of talent, energy and concern.

Teens are eager to get the job done and are proud of their achievements. They also are more likely to link learning and real work activities, improve academically, show increased responsibility and caring for others, and build stronger ties to their communities because of their experience.

What can teens do to make their communities safer? The National Crime Prevention Council suggests the following ideas:

Turn vacant lots into community assets such as play areas, community gardens and green spaces.

Help those who are infirm improve the security of their homes by installing devices such as lights, timers, and wide-angle viewers and trimming shrubbery.

Work with younger children on traffic responsibility, personal safety and similar issues as both teachers and role models.

Help catalog and identify solutions for various neighborhood problems by working with Neighborhood Watch and the local community police officer.

To get even more involved, teens can join, or start, programs such as Youth as Resources and Teens, Crime and the Community. Youth as Resources, a community-based initiative, offers locally raised funds to youth to tackle a project addressing a community need they believe to be important. Teens, Crime and the Community helps young people explore crime's effect on teens, their families and friends, and their neighborhoods. Then they design and carry out a project that makes their neighborhood safer.

For more information on these programs, visit www.ncpc.org. To learn more about public service advertising that helps bring adults and teens together in these ways, visit www.weprevent.org.

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Scooter Safety Tips

- ▶ Children under the age of 8 should not use a scooter without adult supervision.
- ▶ Children need to be 16 years of age to use motorized scooters.
- ▶ Always wear properly fitting safety gear and sturdy shoes.
- ▶ Don't ride non-motorized scooters on the street.
- ▶ Ride only on smooth surfaces and not through sand, gravel or water.
- ▶ Cross streets safely only at traffic lights, stop signs, or crosswalks.
- ▶ Walk scooters down steep hills and across streets



Carlsbad Police Recruits Explorers

The Carlsbad Police Explorer Post is a program for young men and women ages 14 to 21 interested in learning about careers in the field of law enforcement. The Explorer Post offers youths the opportunity to be involved in community activities, in making new friends and in gaining valuable knowledge.

Explorers attend bi-monthly meetings, where they learn about the many jobs available to them in a classroom/meeting environment. Guest speakers from municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies are brought in to explain their jobs. Guest speakers include city patrol officers, K9 Officers, Narcotics Investigators, Gang Investigators, Deputy Sheriffs, the Medical Examiner, Highway Patrol Officers, FBI Agents and Secret Service Agents.

Explorers learn through experience in the field, working non-hazardous assignments with Police Officers. Explorers provide valuable services in Carlsbad and throughout San Diego County assisting

other cities with their special events such as parades, "street scenes" and athletic events. Explorers guide tours of the police station and provide child safety fingerprint services.

Every Explorer must attend a live-in Police Explorer Academy with other California Law Enforcement Explorers. The Academies are held twice a year and last approximately one week.



The program is free. Required fees and insurance policies are funded by the City of Carlsbad. Once you are accepted into the program, you will need to purchase a polo shirt with our embroidered logo. Further, Explorers are required to purchase incidentals, such as shoes and a flashlight. If money is an issue other arrangements can be made. The City will provide the first dress uniform; replacements are the responsibility of the Explorer.

For further information, Contact Corporal Dave Douglas, (760) 931-2217 or e-mail ddoug@ci.carlsbad.ca.us.

Vacation Security Consultations

Vacation time is near so don't forget to think about your home's security before you leave. The Carlsbad Police Department provides a service called a "**Vacation Security Consultation**". This program helps you prepare to be away from home.

Call the police department at **931-2214 to schedule an appointment** at least two (2) weeks before you leave. This gives you time to make necessary adjustments in your home's security.

What happens? A member of the Senior Volunteer Patrol will bring a vacation package to your home. The package includes a vacation checklist and several security guides. Also, the package includes valuable phone numbers to take with you and leave with the person who will check on your house.

Don't delay. Call today and schedule a **Vacation Security Consultation**.

